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The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 2425, an Act relating to and making appropriations for health and human services and including other related provisions and appropriations, providing penalties, making penalties applicable and providing effective, retroactive, and applicability date provisions. Senate File 2425 is approved on this date, with the exception noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve item designated as Section 34 in its entirety. Section 34 imposes restrictions on how pharmaceutical drugs are included on the State's preferred drug list. With the continual release of generic drugs, and relying on the advice of the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Human Services should have the latitude to add pharmaceutical drugs to the preferred drug list, as needed, to achieve the greatest possible savings, while meeting the medical needs of people enrolled in Medicaid. The preferred drug list is an effective tool in helping to reduce one of the fastest growing health-care costs within Medicaid -- pharmaceutical costs -- and the Department of Human Services thoughtfully and responsibly manages additions to the list.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated item in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in Senate File 2425 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver
Governor

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